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Dr. Hawkins' work and of allowing him to extend the very instructive series which he had planned. Not only does it devolve on the Commissioners to render justice to Dr. Hawkins, but also, by the restoration of the work and the reinstatement of Dr. Hawkins, to remove a blot from the fair fame of American science.

It seems as if the interference with the work of scientific men and their snubbing by the "Heads of Departments" had been epidemic of late, for not only have we to regret the treatment of Dr. Hawkins and Dr. Parry in this country, but also the equally outrageous treatment of Dr. Hooker by the Head Commissioner of the Kew Gardens in England, as lately made public in "Nature." Are we really going back to the early days of science, when a scientific man was looked upon as a subject for the mad house, or is it owing to the fact that "brains are scarce in high places?"

We take this occasion to correct an impression which we find is held by some of our readers relative to the American Museum of Natural History, which is supposed by many persons not acquainted with the complex system of the Central Park, to be under the same government as that which Mr. Hilton represented, and that its officers were in a measure responsible for the outrage perpetrated. Such is not the case, and we should feel great regret if any remarks of ours had been construed to the disadvantage of that institution, which we believe to be doing good work and worthy of all assistance from scientists throughout the country.

[Wishing to give the address by Prof. Gray in this number we have been obliged to postpone a large amount of Miscellaneous matter which was in type.—EDS.]

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. B. G., New York.—The spider is *Epeira spinea* of Hentz.

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